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Garrison Trial Tape Faked, Says CCNY Prof

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NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A New York professor has told a federal court jury that a tape recording used by the prosecution in the bribery trial of New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison was a "fraudulent fabrication."

Dr. Louis J. Gerstman, a CCNY professor of speech and hearing sciences, said he examined one of four tapes which were introduced in an attempt to link Garrison with $1000 bribes.

"I formed the conclusion that the tape from which this copy was made was a fraudulent fabrication," he said yesterday. "The original tape is itself not a true original but is a manufactured fabrication of some prior tapes which were spliced together."

Garrison, 52, and two pinball company executives, John A. Callery, 63, and Robert Nims, 45, were charged with conspiracy to obstruct law enforcement by the giving or taking of bribes to protect illegal pinball machine gambling.

Gerstman was called by the defense as an expert on tape recordings.

His testimony dealt with one of the four tape recordings which U. S. Attorney Gerald Gallinghouse said were secretly made by federal agents during $1000 payoffs to Garrison in 1971.

Earlier in the trial, state police Lt. Ernest Nash of Lansing, Mich., the government's voice expert, testified the tapes were unaltered and the voices definitely were those of Garrison and government informant Pershing Gervais.

U. S. District Court Judge Herbert W. Christenberry told the juriors to decide if Gerstman actually was an expert.

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